
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5489

AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADDITIONAL STATE FIRE SCHOOL.

SUMMARY:

This bill increases, from one to two, the number of state fire schools that the Office of State Fire Administration must operate to train and educate fire service personnel. It requires that the new school be located at the fire training facility at Plumtrees Road in Danbury. The existing school is located in Windsor Locks.

As is currently required for the existing school, the office must fix fees for the training and education programs and sessions and other purposes necessary for operating and supporting the new school, subject to the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control's approval.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

BACKGROUND

Funding of Fire School

By law, the commission may establish and maintain a state fire school training and education extension account for:

1. operating training and education extension programs and sessions the Office of State Fire Administration establishes;
2. buying equipment for the programs and sessions; and
3. reimbursing municipalities, municipal fire departments, and state agencies one-half the cost of (a) providing Firefighter 1 certification training and (b) recruiting municipal and state agency fire personnel.

By law, the commission may also establish and maintain a state fire

school auxiliary services account to be used for operating, maintaining, and repairing auxiliary service facilities and for other school auxiliary activities, as the office determines.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/01/2011)